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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :

Ryals et al.

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For: Gene Encoding a Protein Involved in  
the Signal Transduction Cascade Leading  
to Systemic Acquired Resistance in  
Plants.

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Examiner: A. Kubelik

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, please enter the following amendments and take the remarks into consideration. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an extension of time for 3 months from February 26, 2004 up to and including May 26, 2004 with fee by credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required, or credit any over payment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.